

**Thomas Jefferson to William Dunbar, March 14,  
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**Thomas Jefferson to William Dunbar**

Washington Mar. 14. 05.

Dear Sir

Your letters of the 2d & 15th of Feb. arrive just in the moment I am

setting out on a short visit to Monticello. It will be necessary for us now to set on foot immediately the Arcansa & Red river expedition, Congress having given an additional appropriation of 5000.D. for these objects generally. I think you were not able to get any person in your quarter the last autumn fitted for the astronomical part of the undertaking. I have desired Genl. Dearborne to propose it to a Mr. Pease in the post office, who is fully equal to it, or if he will not accept, then to a Mr. Wily professor of an academy here. He will write to you fully on this subject, as my departure obliges me to leave to him the settling with you all details, not having time myself to read you journal before I set out. Accept my acknowledgements for your services & assistance, my friendly salutations and assurances of great esteem & respect.Th: Jefferson

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